

## CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

### Insurance Question Brings Argument Before Congress.

### REGULATE IT BY TAXATION.

Senator Cockran Maintained That the Power of Taxation Was a Legitimate Weapon for the Control of Privileges of Commerce.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Whether the senate is warranted in ignoring a senator convicted in the courts of misconduct and in not assigning him to places on standing committees, yet leaving his name on the senate roll, was discussed for two hours by the senate and then dropped without a ruling on the question. Several senate leaders took up the subject. On account of the delicacy of the question the debate naturally was not as open as would be necessary for final determination of the matter. Mr. Bailey raised the point by inquiring of Mr. Hale, when the latter presented the new list of standing committees, whether every senator had been provided with a place. Mr. Hale responded that every senator except Mr. Burton of Kansas had been given assignments, and that he had been left off the committees at his own request until the charges against him had been disposed of by the courts. Mr. Bailey protested against any senator's name being kept on the roll unless he was given work to do and argued that it is the duty of the senate, to itself, to Kansas and to the country to investigate the charges against Mr. Burton and determine whether he is entitled to a seat in the senate.

In response several senators called attention to the fact that congress is following the precedent of the English parliament.

Mr. Teller defended the late Senator Mitchell, saying that it would take more than the word of "a self convicted thief, perjurer and forger" to convince him that Mr. Mitchell had committed a crime.

Mr. Spooner said that Senator Burton had all the rights of a senator and was entitled to places on committees and that he had relieved a situation of great embarrassment by asking to be left off the committees. He thought that Mr. Burton had acted very properly in absenting himself from the senate under the circumstances.

Mr. Spooner said Mr. Fulton was advised by senators not to announce the death of Senator Mitchell as there would be opposition to resolutions for eulogies.

Mr. Bailey said he was one of the senators who so advised the Oregon senator.

When a senator felt a sense of delicacy which prevented him from appearing in the senate he ought to resign. If vindicated of the charges against him his constituents would give him a vindication also.

Mr. Lodge declared that there was no rule of the senate declaring that notice shall be taken of the death of a senator, and he defended the action of the senate in its treatment of Senator Mitchell's death and of the committee in its treatment of Senator Burton.

Answering criticisms that had been made by Mr. Bailey that the senate's silence in regard to members charged with offenses subjected the senators to jests, Mr. Daniel said that any person who would originate any plan to insure senators against ribald jests would be hailed as the greatest inventor of the age, and he advised the senate to adopt the philosophy of the stoics in relation to such criticisms.

The resolution naming the committee was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gallinger the ship subsidy bill was taken up which makes it the unfinished business before the senate. The senator said that he did not propose to take up the bill until after the holidays.

The senate at 2:45 went into executive session and at 3:15 adjourned.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The four days before the holiday adjournment will be dedicated in the house to further discussion of federal control of insurance and to completing the enactment of the Panama emergency appropriation. There are many members who desire to talk about insurance. Speaker Cannon has concurred in the general view in the house that the president's message furnishes as good a basis as anything else for this debate.

Many members will not wait until Thursday to return to their homes for the holidays.

Committee work will progress during the debate. The ways and means committee will continue its hearings of the Philippine tariff and the appropriations committee will begin the preparation of the District of Columbia appropriation bill. The statehood bill is to be perfected, but will not, under the present plan, be brought into the house until January 4, when it is expected to constitute the first business.

The senate will meet the wishes of the house for an adjournment for the Christmas holidays on Thursday next. Meantime, the senate will probably content itself with comparatively little work, unless there should be difficulty in agreeing with the house on the terms of the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill. That measure will go to a conference committee early in the week and there will be a united effort to reach a conclusion before the holiday adjournment. The action of the senate in attempting to eliminate the bond provision and make a separate law of it will probably be the principal bone of contention in the conference committee.

The reorganization of the senate committees will be announced Monday or Tuesday.

Senator Gallinger will make an effort during the week to have the merchant marine bill made the unfinished business, not with a view of securing serious consideration of it before Christmas, but with the end in view of having it in position to be passed when congress reconvenes.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The house devoted four and three-quarters hours to lively debate on the possibilities of controlling life insurance companies. Two set speeches were the features. One, by Mr. Sherley of Kentucky, bore on the doctrine of states rights, and the other, by Mr. Cochran of New York, relating to the exactions of the officers who manage the big life insurance companies of his state. Mr. Cochran proposing that congress, through its taxing power, should confine all insurance companies to the state in which they are insured.

Mr. Cockran maintained that the power of taxation was a legitimate weapon for the control of privileges of commerce. The reason the senate was steadily increasing in power, he said, was because it constantly exercised every vestige of its power. Emphasizing the relations of the house he asserted that the powers unused would decay and that the house now possessed all the power necessary to establish its predominance.

Senator Heyburn introduced a bill providing for the reimbursement of states for lands taken for forestry reservation purposes.

## MOBBING FOREIGNERS

### Serious Situation Reported in Shanghai Among Chinese.

### ARE KILLING MANY FOREIGNERS.

Shanghai Has Been Placed Under Martial Control and Volunteers Called Out—American Warships Sent to the Scene.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The state department has news from Shanghai that a serious situation exists there. Two cablegrams received at the department over night state that the trouble arose through a strike and increased by a dispute growing out of some cases being tried before the consular courts. Two foreigners have been killed and many were wounded. Navy forces, supposedly from the British squadron which is there guarding, No Americans have thus far been injured, but the official statement was made that the situation is regarded as serious. Two American cruisers are now on their way to Shanghai.

The state department's information of these events was contained in several dispatches from Shanghai, the last of which was received at 3 o'clock from Consul General Rodgers. It is gathered that the moving cause for the riot were the anti-American boycott and a general feeling of hostility toward foreigners such as preceded the boxer uprising of 1900. Mr. Rodgers' statement was that all business was suspended among the Chinese; that as an incident to the general strike a number of foreigners had been assaulted.

Volunteers have been called out, presumably from the people in the foreign settlements whose efforts at maintaining order were seconded by English marines. The warships in the harbor were cleared for action. At the hour of sending the first dispatch, probably some time recently, two Chinese had been killed in the riots and the American consul general had telegraphed for help from naval vessels.

A later dispatch reported the continuance of the riotous condition, adding that the police stations had been burned and a number of people killed, probably about thirty, including some of the foreigners. No Americans, however, had been harmed up to that moment and the streets were being guarded by the volunteers and the naval forces. Mr. Rodgers' last word was that he expected the American cruiser Baltimore, which was held at Chinkang, about a day's run from Shanghai, to reach the latter place soon.

A later dispatch received from Mr. Rodgers was to the effect that all parts of the city of Shanghai had been put under martial law and that the foreigners were all arming.

Shanghai.—The riot is suppressed. Twenty Chinese rioters were killed and a few Europeans wounded. Otherwise the damage done was slight.

Police, sailors and volunteers co-operated in suppressing the rioters. In the course of which one police station was partly burned, a barroom wrecked and a bicycle store looted. No Europeans were killed. The streets are now deserted except for armed patrols, which are everywhere.

The riot here was promoted by boycotters on account of an incident involving the mixed court.

### LANE MAY NOT GET PLACE.

Senate Wants Republican on Commerce Commission.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate committee on interstate commerce considered the nomination of Franklin Lane of California to be a member of the interstate commerce commission. It was known to members of the committee that there was no confirmation of Mr. Lane and therefore it was referred to a sub-committee which will hear all objections and report to the full committee.

### TO CALL IT ARIZONA.

New Mexico's Name Will Be Wiped Off the Map.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Immediately upon the adjournment of the house the Republican members met in conference on the statehood measure, the plan being to embrace the policy of creating the state of Arizona out of that territory and New Mexico and the state of Oklahoma out of the territory of that name and the Indian Territory.

### Not Seriously Affected.

Peoria, Dec. 20.—According to local officers the Peoria Gas and Electric Company will not be seriously affected by the Walsh failure, although he owns about thirty per cent of stock in that company.

### Valuable Furs Burned.

New York, Dec. 20.—Two hundred thousand dollars worth of fine furs were destroyed by fire and water in a wholesale establishment here. The fire started from an undetermined cause.

## THERE WAS A BABY BORN IN BETHLEHEM

THERE was a baby born in Bethlehem. I know they say That this and that's in doubt; and, for the rest, That learned men who surely should know best Explain how myths creep in, and followers' tales Confound the truth.

I know, but any way There was a baby born in Bethlehem Who lived and grew and loved and healed and taught.

And died; but not to me. When Christmas comes I see him still arise, The gentle, the compassionate, the wise, Wiping Earth's tears away, stilling her strife, Calling, "My path is peace; my way is life!"

The world also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fating together, and a little child shall lead them.

This world has never, before or since, witnessed such a stupendous and unaccountable transformation in human character as took place at the coming of Christ.

The historians of the period labor in describing it.

In an incredibly short time the brutal amusements of the amphitheater, in which the Roman matrons while taking their supper were accustomed to regale themselves with gladiatorial combats and with the sight of lions tearing innocent women and children in pieces, shrunk abashed from human sight and passed forever away.

The slave, whose master had the power of life and death over him and who when he became old usually had him killed and fed to the fish in the lakes that adorned his villa, was found seated at the same table with his master and closer to him than a brother.

The cripple and the malformed men in the streets of Athens, whom it had been customary for centuries to pelt with stones whenever they showed themselves, became objects of the tenderest sympathy. In cities which had been devastated by the plague, so that the nearest relatives forsook each other and fled—so Neander tells us—the Christians remained behind and carried the festering corpses of the victims on their own shoulders to burial. For the first time in the history of the world hospitals were opened for the sick. Men committed suicide rather than become soldiers and kill their fellow men.

Stranger than all this, misers who had toiled half a century to accumulate wealth and who loved their gold better than their lives conceived an aversion for it, gathered it together and threw it down in front of the needy, and with suffused eyes invited them to help themselves. Some of them traveled 500 miles to where their lands were located that they might sell them out and use the proceeds in this way.

It would be impossible on any natural principles to account for such a marvelous and widespread change in human nature. The only visible cause was the circulation from mouth to mouth of the story of the virtues, the persecutions and the cruel death of Christ, but this story was no more in Rome than a story told in this country about a good man in a foreign land who had been killed by mob. The only rational explanation of the transformation is the one given by the New Testament writers, who declare that an unearthly spiritual influence accompanied this story wherever it was told.

It is as a relic of the great tidal wave of brotherly love that our modern Christmas observances are most significant and proper. The anniversary of Christ's birth is unknown. The church decided to celebrate it on the winter solstice, and blundered, so that the day is historically the anniversary of nothing whatever. Never mind, it is the conventional celebration of the most blessed event in all history. It is a holy memento of the advent of humanity into man.

The only possible way of celebrating such a day is by a demonstration of universal gladness and good will, and this is the way in which it has been celebrated from the beginning. The day should be something like the Jewish jubilee year, when all property reverted, all wrongs were forgiven, all debts were canceled, all slaves were freed and society turned over a new leaf.

Let everybody shed his selfishness today and do everything in his power to produce a smile if not joy and thankfulness in every one about him.

## A Merry Christmas.



## ABOUT SANTA CLAUS.

I write myself down as one who still believes in Santa Claus. Don't you? Are you one of those very literal folk who have their doubts whether they ought to let their children cling to the beautiful old myth? My dear, wherever you are, come sit down by me, and let me reason with you.

Without imagination, without dreams, without poetry, this old world of ours would be a very wearisome place. Its road would be steeper than it is—much like sleighing over bare ground would our progress be, as compared with sleighing over deep, hard-packed snow.

The poetic myth of the old saint with his reindeer and his jingling bells and his bulging pack of toys and bonbons, has charmed a thousand generations. The stockings hung by the chimney on Christmas eve; the children staying awake until sleep pounces on them like a strong man armed; the presents filling them from top to toe in the morning; the rush of the bare feet hurrying fast across the floor; the merry uproar; the bubbling laughter; the shouts of joy—the whole of this family pageant belongs to dear Santa Claus. We owe it to him. Gradually, as the golden mists of childhood clear before the sun, and the "trailing clouds of glory" fade, our small men and women discover that Santa Claus is not one, but ten thousand, that he is better than they knew, being just the spirit of love, good will and beautiful unselfishness, that makes the world a beautiful place to live in now, and makes it a good starting point for heaven by and by. For you and me there is hope that we may do our duty in this world lovingly, while we keep the child-heart and believe in Santa Claus.—Woman's Home Companion.

Memory.



The fun is all over; the whole house is quiet; His thoughts by the fire in his chamber run riot. He thinks of the happiest time of his life—Of the heart-broken day when he lost his young wife—And finds that the wealth of her memory still Breaths the Spirit of Christmas, of "Peace and Good-will."

## A Double Christmas.

A stranger visiting the German colonies of our great cities would think his almanac needed resetting, for on the evening of December 5th, thousands of little stockings are hung up with the same careful clothes-pinning and heart of hope as on the authentic Christmas eve. St. Nicholas eve it is that the "FATHERLAND" exiles are celebrating. Just as early as any children ever get up, those that are paying honor to the gift-saint tumble out of bed, and find their stockings well weighed with fruit and candies and apfelkuchen. The naughty child that has been a trial to its parents in previous weeks is rather likely to find his stocking laden with coal. It is a hint that a second gift-season is at hand, and that it would be well to fall into line with the good children. And the good children are encouraged to a renewed and severer virtue for the days between their present reward and the fuller holiday that is coming—Country Life in America.

## Enterprising.



In Malaga you can buy your Christmas candles at your door. For the candyman, in snowy cap and apron goes through the street crying his wares.

## Hidden Christmas Bells.

Near Raleigh, Nottinghamshire, Eng., there is a valley said to be caused by an earthquake several hundred years ago, and it is now usual for old people, on Christmas morning, to tell the children to go to the valley, stoop down, and hear the bells ringing merrily in the ruins of the church hidden away in the ground.

At Kilgimol, near Blackpool, there is a common belief that the bells of a hidden church may be heard by any one who bends his ear to the ground at Christmas.

In Berwickshire it was at one time a popular belief that bells could be heard ringing in the ground on Christmas eve, and in some parts of England miners have been heard to say that bells could be heard merrily pealing in the most distant parts of the mine during the festive season.

## SEVEN YEARS AGO.

A Rochester Chemist Found a Singularly Effective Medicine.

William A. Franklin, of the Franklin & Palmer Chemical Co., Rochester, N. Y., writes:

"Seven years ago I was suffering very much through the failure of the kidneys to eliminate the uric acid from my system. My back was very lame and ached if I overexerted myself in the least degree. At times I was weighed down with a feeling of languor and depression and suffered continually from annoying irregularities of the kidney secretions. I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and began using them. I found prompt relief from the aching and lameness in my back, and by the time I had taken three boxes I was cured of all irregularities."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Paid a Penny a Month.

A London money lender pressed his claim for money loaned in a city court and the judge, after an exhaustive inquiry into the merits of the case, directed the defendant to pay the debt at the rate of one penny per month, the entire amount to be paid by the end of the 209th year.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box.

## Fast Growing Cities.

In 1900 the population of Chemnitz, Germany, was 206,913. On September 1, 1905, it numbered 244,019. No city in Europe has proportionately grown so fast in recent years as has Chemnitz, and with respect to cities of this size its record of growth, with the possible exception of Minneapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles and Indianapolis, has had no equal.

## Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Dr. H. P. Plummer* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

## Big Shipment of Potatoes.

California has just made her biggest shipment of potatoes from Stockton. It consisted of a train of thirty-five cars, loaded with 9,450 sacks of potatoes, which went by the Santa Fe route to Texas, Arkansas and Missouri river points.

## Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. HALL'S CATARRH CURE is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. HALL'S CATARRH CURE is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best medicines known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## Nelson's Statue is Crumbling.

The Nelson statue in Trafalgar square, London, is already decaying. It is found that the only stone that resists the smoky atmosphere in London is Portland Limestone, of which St. Paul's cathedral is built.

## AGONY OF SORE HANDS.

Cracked and Peeled—Water and Heat Caused Intense Pain—Could Do No Housework—Grateful to Cuticura.

"My hands cracked and peeled, and were so sore it was impossible for me to do my housework. If I put them in water I was in agony for hours; and if I tried to cook, the heat caused intense pain. I consulted two doctors, but their prescriptions were utterly useless. And now after using one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment my hands are entirely well, and I am very grateful. (Signed) Mrs. Minnie Drew, 18 Dana St., Roxbury, Mass."

## Ride Races on Turtles.

At the zoo of Hamburg the young children ride races upon giant turtles. The boys and girls who ride the sluggish monsters dangle bunches of green food at the end of a stick in front of the creatures to induce them to move.

## More Flexible and Lasting.

won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance Starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

## Ashes of a Bank Note.

Among the curios preserved in the Bank of England is a banknote that passed through the Chicago fire. The paper was consumed but the ash held together and the printing is quite legible. It is kept carefully under glass. The bank paid the note.

## Chinese Ruler.

The Empress Dowager of China was sold into slavery at the age of eleven, to save her family from starvation. Afterwards, she was presented to the late Emperor, and, upon his wife's death, became Empress. Her feet were never bound, and she was taught to read after persistent pleading. The sterling qualities of this wonderful woman, like those of Pili-bury's Vitas, have overcome every obstacle. And she holds herself at the head of China, as does Vitas at the head of breakfast foods.